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RECENT REFERENCE HELPS

Fumagalli, Giuseppe. *I cento migliori libri italiani*. (Rivista delle biblioteche e degli archivi. Oct-Nov. 1907, p. 149-56.)

Should be useful in helping American librarians select Italian books. The list with its introduction translated into English, will form one of the Foreign book lists issued by the A. L. A. Publishing board.

Hunt, Clara W. *compiler*. *The child's own library, a guide to parents*. 16p. S. Brooklyn public library, 1907.

Sixty-five titles recommended to those who wish to give the best books to children. About half the titles are for children under eight. Special care has been given to choice of editions. A library, large or small, can do no better service than to have a supply of this list on hand to give away or sell at cost, and if a set of the books themselves could be kept new and intact for exhibition purposes, especially at Christmas time, so much the better.

Kroeger, Alice B. *Reference books of 1907; being the fifth annual supplement to the A. L. A. guide to reference books*. (A. L. A. booklist, Jan. 1908, p. 26-30.)

Also in *Library Journal*, Jan. 1908, p. 13-16.

Index to legal periodicals and law library Journal. vol. 1, no. 1. 36 p. O. Jan. 1908.

Amer. ass'n. of law libraries, \$5 per year.

This first number indexes 16 leading journals, by author and subject in separate alphabetic arrangements. For the subject headings the West Pub. Co. system followed in the *American and Decennial digests*, is used. All items are annotated. The index will appear quarterly and an annual cumulation is planned. More journals will be indexed in later numbers. Several of the journals included are now indexed in *Poole*.

Library of Congress. *List of works relating to political parties in the United States*. 29 p. 1907.

—List of more recent works on federal control of commerce and corporations. 16 p. 1907.

—List of books with references to periodicals relating to the 8 hour working day and to limitation of working hours in general. 24 p. 1908.

—List of books with references to periodicals relating to postal savings banks. 23 p. 1908.

Lindholm, Mary F. *compiler*. *The welfare of children; a reading list on the care of dependent children*. 44 p. S. Brooklyn public library, 1907.

A useful classified and annotated list of several hundred titles, including both books and periodical articles.

McCurdy, R. M. and Coulter, E. M. *compilers*. *A bibliography of articles relating to holidays*. 55 p. D. Boston book co. 25c.

A second edition revised and brought down to May 1907, of the list first published in 1905. In the revision the needs of the public library have been considered. Fifteen holidays are included. There are many helpful notes and at the heads of sections are noted the library bulletins containing the best reference lists on each holiday.

McFadden, Elizabeth A. and Davis, Lilian E. *compilers*. *A selected list of plays for amateurs and students of dramatic expression in schools and colleges*. 96 p. O. The author, Box 328, Cincinnati, \$2.

Basis of selection has been high moral tone and literary distinction, and every play has been read by one of the compilers. The admirable result is what librarians have always lacked. Plays for children, for Christmas and for the open air are all listed in separate sections. The number of male and female parts, acting time, and scene are noted. Full author and title index. A selection of 45 titles is printed in the *Monthly bulletin of the Carnegie library of Pittsburgh*, Jan. 1908, p. 5-8.

Mulliken, Clara A. *compiler*. *Reading list on modern dramatists; D'Annunzio, Hauptmann, Ibsen, Maeterlinck, Phillips, Rostand, Shaw and Sudermann*. 38 p. D. Boston book co. 20c.

Following an introductory section on *The modern drama; its traits, tendencies and technique*, are given the best English editions or translations, wherever published, of all the authors named with numerous, carefully chosen critical references.

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